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THE FINEST IN ORIENTAL POPPIES

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THE ARISTOCRATIC TREE PEONY

Our Policy

LARGE PLANTS MAKE
SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

In appreciation we wish to express our thanks to all our old friends and customers for the orders they have given us in previous years, and for recommending our plants to their friends. We are very proud of the many letters received praising our plants and our method of packing and shipping.

If you are the discriminating gardener who grows the finest and choicest of flowers, you must have Curtis Oriental Poppies. They are the newest and most outstanding Oriental Poppies that are being offered anywhere today.

No other perennial will give as brilliant a show in the spring and early summer as the Oriental Poppy. With the proper selection of varieties, the blooming season can now be extended over a period of six weeks.

Our plant beds are so arranged that the same variety is grown year after year in the same bed, to prevent mixing of stock, which is all too common in Oriental Poppies.

During the blooming season the beds are checked daily to make sure there are no strays. All plants are two years old and have been transplanted to create a stronger branching root system.

The Culture of Oriental Poppies

The culture of Oriental Poppies is no more difficult than that of any other permanent perennial. In fact, once they are established in the garden they need very little else than clean cultivation. Being deeply rooted, they rarely suffer from lack of water except possibly the first year they are planted. They do require a well-drained soil of good garden loam, a little mulch of excelsior or straw under the leaves the first winter, water only in rare instances, little or no fertilizer, and plenty of room in which to grow in preferably a sunny situation. Seed pods should be removed as soon as the petals have fallen, and the entire top cut back after it has turned brown.

How to Treat Poppies for Cut Flowers

All poppies make beautiful cut flowers and will last from three to six days without wilting if the following directions are followed. The best flowers are those that are newly opened. Cut them preferably early in the morning and burn the end of the stems one or two inches over a gas or electric range until the end of the stem is well burned and the tip is charcoal. Place them in water and they will last from three to six days. Such varieties as Raspberry Queen, Jessie Curtis, C. G. Flesh Pink and Enchantress (whose colors will fade some outdoors) are used as cut flowers and kept indoors. They will retain their beautiful colors without fading until their petals drop.

When to Plant Oriental Poppies

AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

The balance of the year, even through the winter months, they are in an active growing condition. The dormant season, unlike most other plants, is mid-summer, and if moved then good results are sure to be secured. Of course, the clumps increase in size with age and may be left in the same spot for many years. Order now and we will ship at the best time for planting.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

Curtis Introductions

ARTHUR CURTIS \$2.00

The deepest shade of red. Extra large blooms on tall strong stems. In our garden fall transplanted plants had 10 to 11 inch extra long lasting blooms, on heavy stems 3 to 4 feet tall. Dark reds are usually slow growing and with change of soil may take an extra year to reach full size.

BONFIRE 2.50

These fire red blooms growing on stems 3 feet high in mid season are large and crinkly, giving the appearance of crepe paper. A bed of these in full bloom truly looks like a bonfire.

CARMEN 1.50

Dark cardinal red with a black blotch. Medium to large blooms on strong stems 2½ feet tall. A late blooming variety which makes it a grand addition to the ever-popular deep red poppies.

CARNIVAL 1.50

This new poppy is really something different. The blackish brown blotch is surrounded with a large field of creamy white, the upper half of the petals are nasturtium red. Blooms are of medium size on 2 to 2½ foot stems. Blooms early to mid-season.

CLARET 3.00

Pure deep red flowers of large size, borne on strong 3 foot stems. Blooming profusely during mid-season. The most vigorous growing Red Poppy. In our opinion this is tops. This is the poppy which has been so outstanding in our trial beds that people visiting our garden have been waiting for us to introduce.

G. I. JOE 1.25

Watermelon red, blooms medium to large, height medium. A fine clear brilliant color that does not clash. Last to bloom. Prolongs the season. Everyone's favorite.

GLOWING ROSE 1.00; 3 for 2.50

Watermelon pink, Large blooms on tall heavy stems. The first to bloom.

GOLDEN PROMISE 1.50

This golden poppy with the purplish blotch produces a bloom almost as large as our Giant Flame, which is the largest of all Oriental Poppies. These flowers are born on strong sturdy stems about 30 to 36 inches in height.

JESSIE CURTIS 1.00

Mahogany red. Many medium sized blooms over a long period. This beautiful magohany colored poppy does well in shade and makes a beautiful cut flower. A must in any flower arrangement.

"LITTLE DARLING"75

Begonia pink, without a blotch. This is a dwarf variety, growing from 18 to 24 inches. It bears numerous small flowers on young plants. The stems are stiff, keeping the flowers erect in all kinds of weather. All in all a well-proportioned plant.

MAY CURTIS 2.00

Early blooming. Watermelon red. Large blooms of extra long lasting quality on strong tall stems. Without a doubt the finest poppy to date. A favorite of everyone. This shade of red is really a rose color and does not clash with any other garden flowers.

RASPBERRY QUEEN 1.25

The color of this poppy is really outstanding, and rarely found in other flowers. It is that of a crushed black raspberry. Plant in a shady location as the color will fade in bright sunshine. Large flowers on tall stiff stems. Truly a Queen.

RED CRINKLES. **\$1.25**
 A deep red of medium size and height. The petals are deeply crinkled, making it appear to be the deepest red of all. It has an exceptionally strong branching root system and is a profuse bloomer.

ROSE GLOW **1.00; 3 for 2.50**
 A watermelon pink similar to Glowing Rose, but it has a later blooming period. Medium to large blooms on stems of medium height.

SPRING MORN **1.50**
 A very fine clear flesh pink, without a blotch except an occasional trace of deeper color in the center. As delightful as a morning in the the spring. Medium to large blooms on strong stems of medium height.

"SWEETHEART" **1.50**
 The purest of pink ever seen in a poppy. It is the color of a strawberry soda. A profuse bloomer of medium to large size blooms without the usual blotch. Height medium.

Standard Varieties

A. E. FERGUSON **\$.75**
 An old favorite. Medium red free from orange. Vigorous grower. Medium height. Large blooms.

CRIMSON POM-POM **1.00**
 Fully double—deep dark red—early blooming.

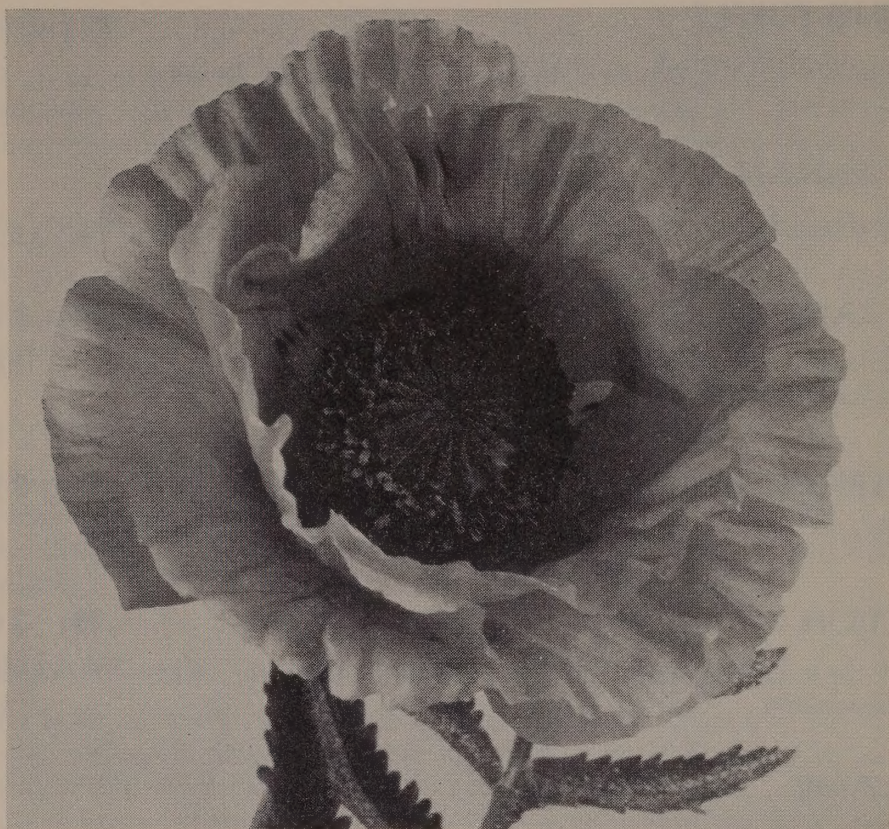
CERISE BEAUTY **.60**
 Medium sized bloom of distinct cerise pink.

CHEERIO **.75**
 Blush pink with light red base spots. Medium to large blooms. Stems of medium height. Very lovely and outstanding.

GLOWING EMBERS **1.00**
 Cup-shaped, deeply crinkled petals. Crimson red.

HELEN ELIZABETH **1.00**
 Beautiful LaFrance pink. Medium height. No blotch.

- GLOWING PURPLE** \$ 1.00
Luminous Purple-Cup shaped, deeply crinkled petals.
- MARY FINNAN** 1.50
Fringe Edged—Flame Red—large flowers on medium stems.
- MARY JANE MILLER** 1.00, 3 for 2.75
Salmon pink. Large flowers. Very early and free blooming. The late Dr. Neeley's finest. A favorite with all who see it.
- NEW PERFECTION**75, 3 for 2.00
Seashell pink. Deeply fluted, medium to large sized blooms.
- PERFECTION**75, 3 for 2.00
A fine salmon rose. Medium to large flowers. Very fine. Late blooming.
- RED FLAME** 1.00
Mammoth fiery scarlet-red.
- RIDGEWOOD BEAUTY** 1.00
A cup shaped ruffled edged pink of heavy substance and distinctly original form. Outstanding.
- SALMON GLOW**60
Double salmon-orange. First blooms very double, later ones only slightly double. Spreads by underground runners. Keep under control.
- SASS PINK**60, 3 for 1.50
Light flesh pink. Medium sized blooms on stems of medium height.
- WATTEAU**60
Coral pink. This is a lovely dwarf poppy. Well suited for rock gardens and for growing in the perennial border.
- WHITE QUEEN** 1.00
Chalk white cup-shaped flower with small intense black spots.
- TANGERINE** 1.00
Bright orange. Large flower.



MAKE YOUR OWN COLLECTION FROM THE FOLLOWING :

2-year old field grown plants, ready to bloom next spring.

ALL NAMED VARIETIES

LABELED AND POSTPAID

-----PINK
-----SALMON-PINK
-----SALMON
-----LIGHT RED
-----DARK RED
-----MAHOGANY
-----WATERMELON
-----CERISE
-----ORANGE
-----WHITE

ANY **5** PLANTS

for **\$4⁰⁰**

or

ANY **10** PLANTS

for **\$7⁵⁰**

Name -----

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CURTIS GARDEN
8810 COLERAIN ROAD **CINCINNATI 39, OHIO**

Our Guarantee

ALL ORDERS are filled with large two year old plants, freshly dug, that have already bloomed in our garden. They have been checked and are true to name. We cannot guarantee plants to grow, as we have no control over planting weather, and soil conditions. A complete planting and cultural direction is placed in every shipment. If plants are not satisfactory when received, return them at once and your money will be refunded.



Terms

Cash with order. All orders for three dollars or more are shipped prepaid. Smaller orders please add twenty-five cents to cover packing and shipping costs. Poppies are shipped from August 1 through September and October. Retail only. Ohio customers please add three per cent sales tax.

In past years some of our stock of outstanding varieties were depleted long before the close of the season. We suggest an early order to avoid disappointment.

**[*We never substitute unless
requested to do so*]**



2 YEAR OLD TREE PEONY PLANT

THE TREE PEONY is a shrub, native to China. Unlike the herbaceous Peony, its woody branches stay alive and year after year the additional growth will add to the size of the plant until it reaches the height and spread of 3 to 4 feet and bears from 25 to 100 blooms. A sight never to be forgotten.

In the early 1800's. Tree Peonies were imported into Japan and later into Europe. Since then hybridizers have created over a hundred of the most beautiful varieties. There are three different types of Tree Peonies. Japanese (large broad petaled flowers with a central cushion of golden anthers. The foliage narrower than the European types). European (large double flowers similar to the double herbaceous type). Lutea Hybrids (this is a cross between the Lutea and the original Chinese Tree Peony. Their color is quite different from the other varieties, ranging from pure yellow to yellow and red combinations).

Tree Peonies are very hardy and very seldom lost. Well drained soil is to be preferred, and sunlight for the greater part of the day. Steamed bone meal or a commercial fertilizer low in nitrogen but high in phosphoric acid and potash are most commonly used. Manure is not advisable. A protective mulch should be used the first winter.

We advise the planting of small plants 2 to 3 years old in the fall, because it takes about a year for the plant to become established and produce a perfect bloom.

After careful selection for color, growing habit, and profuse bloomers, we are offering the following varieties of Tree Peonies.

Fall Shipping Time—September-November... Early Spring—March 15 to April 1

Japanese Tree Peonies

PINKS

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| Akashi Gata | \$4.75 |
| Large double flowers with imbricated petals peach blossom pink, yellow center. | |
| Benichidori | 4.75 |
| Immense cherry pink flowers, petals fringed at edge, deeper colored at bottom. | |
| Tama Fuyo | 4.75 |
| Exquisite blush pink, double beauty, should be in every garden. | |
| Yachiyo Tsubaki | 4.75 |
| Brilliant pink, semi-double, a favorite pink. | |
| Yae Zakura | 4.75 |
| Soft cherry pink, large, attractive double, highly recom- mended. | |
| Shintenchi | 4.75 |
| Cerise pink, with deep rose base. Large semi-double flowers. | |
| Higurashi | 4.75 |
| Large bright pink double, fine grower, popular. | |
| Yomo Zakura | 4.75 |
| Beautiful pink with satiny sheen. Semi-double. | |
| Momoyama | 4.75 |
| Large semi-double, blush pink, one of the best of all. | |
| Gyokka | 4.75 |
| Pale pink, crepe like texture, semi double. | |

WHITE

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| Gessekai | \$4.75 |
| Immense double flowers of glistening pure white. Petals crinkled. Vigorous. | |
| Fusow-Tsukasa | 4.75 |
| Unusual petal arrangement, double white, immense. | |
| Haku-Banryn | 4.75 |
| Pure white full double, stiff and narrow, long petals, large flowers. | |
| Hakuo Jishi | 4.75 |
| Pure white, great size, floriferous; double. | |
| Toseihaku | 4.75 |
| Immense double flowers of pure white. Famous but now scarce. | |
| Tama Sudare | 4.75 |
| Pure white nearly full double. | |
| Godaishu | 4.75 |
| Nearly full double, large white with yellow center. | |

MAROON

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| Hatsu Garashu | 4.75 |
| Famous full double, velvety maroon; exquisite. | |
| Kokko Tsukas | 4.75 |
| Large double maroon, outer petals edged with white. | |
| Suminoichi | 4.75 |
| Blackish maroon, rare and fine. | |

SCARLET—RED

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| Teikan | \$4.75 |
| Immense blooms of glistening red, double with exquisite center. | |
| Jitsu-Getsu-Nishiki | 4.75 |
| Bright scarlet, white edges, double, beautiful and outstanding. | |
| Taiyo | 4.75 |
| Bright red, enormous, satiny petals, one of the best. | |
| Ukare Jishi | 4.75 |
| Bright red, floriferous, beautiful semi-double, gorgeous color. | |
| Kagura Jishi | 4.75 |
| Large double, deep carmine, irregularly cut petals, deeper colored at base. | |
| Hinode Sekai | 4.75 |
| Magnificent brilliant rosy red, early flowering, nearly full double, large. | |
| Imashojou | 4.75 |
| Lustrous crimson scarlet, semi-double flowers. | |
| Nissho | 4.75 |
| Enormous double flower of brilliant scarlet. | |
| Shichifukujin | 4.75 |
| Mammoth flowering, carmine, nearly full double Globular shape. Fine. | |
| Taisho No Hikari | 4.75 |
| Vivid crimson, cup shaped, nearly full double, large. | |
| Terukuni | 4.75 |
| Light, scarlet, fully double beautiful form. | |
| Kinkaden | 4.75 |
| Large double flowers of striking scarlet. | |
| Hino Tsukasa | 4.75 |
| Brilliant fiery scarlet. Large double flowers. | |
| Houdai | 4.75 |
| Rosy red, full double. | |
| Iwato Kagami | 4.75 |
| Carmine, changing to deeper color as flower ages. | |

MAUVE-VIOLET-PURPLE

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| Hana-Daijin | \$4.75 |
| Rosy eupatium purple, double, very large and eye catching flower. | |
| Kamada-Fuji | 4.75 |
| Large beautiful, refined, very double flowers of Wisteria blue. A very profuse bloomer. | |
| Shunkoden | 4.75 |
| Huge double blackish purple. Vigorous habit. | |
| Ruriban | 4.75 |
| Maroon shaded purple. Full double flowers of great beauty. | |
| Rimpo | 4.75 |
| Brilliant deep purple self with yellow center. Large good, double. | |
| Hinode Gumo | 4.75 |
| Unusual lavender shaded with purplish cast. Large semi-double flowers. | |
| Taisho No Hokori | 4.75 |
| Immense purple with white edge on outer petals, very striking. | |
| Meiji No Homare | 4.75 |
| Light wisteria purple, full double flowers of perfect form. | |

YELLOW—HYBRID

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| Kinshi | 8.00 |
| Golden yellow—base of petals orange-red. Full double, large flowers, fragrant. | |
| Kinkaku | 10.00 |
| Full double golden yellow—shaded orange. One of the best yellows. | |
| Kinkow | 12.00 |
| Full double lemon yellow. The clearest yellow. | |

As our supply of Tree Peonies is limited, a second choice would be appreciated.

SPECIAL TREE PEONY OFFER

ALL NAMED - - - ALL LABELED - - - OUR CHOICE

SELECT YOUR COLORS

- ☐ WHITE
- ☐ PINK
- ☐ SCARLET
- ☐ RED
- ☐ PURPLE

3 for \$10⁰⁰

TREE PEONY SEEDS

These seeds have been carefully selected from the best Japanese varieties - no seeds from seedlings - all from named varieties.

Price **\$3.00** per hundred

Shipped Fall or Spring

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